

Title: Demand to convey protest with the Government of Australia for insulting Indian Hindu Gods in many obscene drawings and to injure and inflame the religious sentiments of Indians.

DR. (SHRIMATI) C. SUGUNA KUMARI (PEDDAPALLI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker Sir, I thank you for giving this opportunity to me. I draw your attention and the attention of this august House to the injured and inflamed feelings of the entire Indians for the religious affront that took place at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Grass Committees annual 'Sleeze Ball' held at the Hordern pavilion in Sydney, Australia last month.

They have insulted the Indian Hindu Gods in innumerable ways. Lord Ganesh is depicted as 'Gaynesh' and many obscene drawings were displayed mocking Hindu Gods. We are entering 21st century and everybody has to have tolerance to the other religions. It appears the Australians are entering the 19th century!

The Australians have no right to injure and inflame the religious sentiments of Indians. I would request the External Affairs Ministry to lodge a strong protest, if it is not done.

I hope the entire House and the entire nation joins me in conveying this protest. Thank you.